

## **Get Our Country Back on Track**

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Mr. Speaker, Americans are being forced to foot the bill for trillions of dollars of increased government spending this year while they are struggling to make their own ends meet.

As Kansans sit at their kitchen table trying to balance their checkbooks, this Congress has been borrowing and spending money like there is no tomorrow. The latest example of this reckless spending is a 2,500-page omnibus spending bill approved by the House of Representatives yesterday. This \$447 billion package does not require any of the tough choices that Americans are having to make every day in this difficult economy. Unfortunately, for the next generation of Americans, there will be severe consequences from our government's failure to control spending and the resulting huge increases in our national debt.

The Democrat leadership will soon try to raise our \$12.1 trillion national debt limit by an additional \$1.8 trillion. The Federal Government is mortgaging our nation's future and its well-being to countries like China. The result of this spend-and-borrow approach is evident.

President Obama and Speaker Pelosi, show bold leadership and get our country back on track by cutting spending and reducing our country's debt, not by omnibus spending bills and debt ceiling increases.